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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: INVITATION TO "PRG"

REF: SAIGON 2413

1. DCM TOOK OCCASION OF CALL ON MFA JOINT SECRETARY SHARDUL RANA FEBRUARY 25 TO INDICATE USG'S HOPE THAT NEPAL WOULD NOT VOTE FOR ADMISSION OF PRG TO LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. DCM STRESSED THAT PRG COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED GOVERNEMENT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THAT INVITATION TO IT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE WOULD CREATE EXTREMELY UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. RANA RESPONDED THAT WHILE HE WAS UNINFORMED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND DID NOT KNOW IF GON WOULD BE PARTICIPATING, HE WAS CERTAIN GON WOULD BE UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM ITS NON-ALIGNED FRIENDS TO GO ALONG WITH THIRD WORLD CONSENSUS. DCM POINTED OUT THAT COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA WERE ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION OPPOSED ADMISSION OF PRG AND THAT NEPAL SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSITION OF REGIONAL POWERS RATHER THAN OF OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, MOST OF WHOM WERE FAR REMOVED FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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2. COMMENT: AS IN OTHER RECENT ISSUES RELATING TO NON-ALIGNED

MOVEMENT, NEPAL IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID BEING OUT-OF-STEP WITH WHAT IT PERCEIVES TO BE BROAD CONSENSUS OF THIRD WORLD. WHILE RANA AGREED TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO USG POSITION, IT WILL PROBABLY ABSTAIN IF, IN FACT, NEPALESE DELEGATE ACTUALLY HAS TO VOTE ON ISSUE.

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